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**From:** Sullivan, Karen [ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/7/2020 11:15:10 PM  
**To:** Partridge, Charles [Partridge.Charles@epa.gov]; Greene, Nikia [Greene.Nikia@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Brain cancer study questions  
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Thanks, Charlie, understood.

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**From:** Partridge, Charles <Partridge.Charles@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:39 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Karen <ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov>; Greene, Nikia <Greene.Nikia@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Brain cancer study questions



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Thanks Karen,

As of right now we are letting the State take the lead on this since it is their data, ect. EPA will provide support as needed but we would like to see the State's response before we step into anything.

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**From:** Sullivan, Karen <ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Greene, Nikia <Greene.Nikia@epa.gov>; Partridge, Charles <Partridge.Charles@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Brain cancer study questions

FYI ... let me know your thoughts – Karen

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**From:** Sullivan, Karen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** MCDERMOTT, SUZANNE <SMCDERMO@mailbox.sc.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: Brain cancer study questions

That works – thank you very much; I'll await your call at the time below – Karen Sullivan

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**From:** MCDERMOTT, SUZANNE <SMCDERMO@mailbox.sc.edu>  
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**To:** Sullivan, Karen <ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Brain cancer study questions



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Dear Karen,  
I will call you at 11:45MT on Thursday. I will use the phone number on your signature line.  
Thanks  
Suzanne

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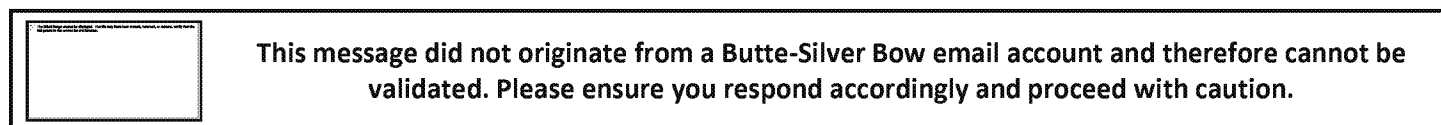
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**From:** "Sullivan, Karen" <[ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov](mailto:ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 12:53 PM  
**To:** "MCDERMOTT, SUZANNE" <[SMCDERMO@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:SMCDERMO@mailbox.sc.edu)>  
**Subject:** RE: Brain cancer study questions

Dr. McDermott: Thank you for your response. I am available Thursday (01/09) from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. MST (1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. EST) – please let me know if you are available during those times. If not, we can go to Plan B – thanks, Karen Sullivan

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**From:** MCDERMOTT, SUZANNE <[SMCDERMO@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:SMCDERMO@mailbox.sc.edu)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 5:41 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Karen <[ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov](mailto:ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Brain cancer study questions



Happy New Year!

I would like to arrange a time for a phone call with you since the article about Brain Cancer will be out shortly. Please let me know some times that are open for you this week.

Thanks  
Suzanne

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**From:** "Sullivan, Karen" <[ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov](mailto:ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:15 PM  
**To:** "MCDERMOTT, SUZANNE" <[SMCDERMO@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:SMCDERMO@mailbox.sc.edu)>  
**Subject:** Brain cancer study questions

Dr. McDermott:

You and I met briefly in Butte in October 2018 at Montana Tech; also meeting with us I believe were Montana's lead epidemiologist Laura Williamson, the state's cancer epidemiologist Heather Zimmerman, and a state toxicologist, Matt Ferguson. This meeting occurred shortly before your talk on your cancer study released last year. It was a pleasure meeting you at that time; I came away from that meeting feeling that our missions are the same, to leverage data-driven approaches to protect public health. That mission is very important to me in Butte-Silver Bow.

In the midst of the recent release of your meconium study, I am hearing that release and publication of your brain cancer study in Butte and Anaconda is imminent. In the wake of that release, I am wondering if you can relay to me what this study's major findings are. Are there conclusions that can be drawn from this study? I guess just as importantly, are there conclusions that cannot be drawn? I am also wondering if your study was able to attribute reasons for your findings? Also, Dr. McDermott, in your opinion, what additional research needs to be completed in this area?

I ask these questions in the interest of determining what public health actions might be taken, based on the findings of your brain cancer study. Do you yourself have suggestions on public health actions that might be executed, based on your findings?

I would very much appreciate a reply from you on the questions that I have. In fact, I would sincerely appreciate a phone conversation if you have time. Would you let me know if that is possible?

Thanks so much, I appreciate your time – Karen Sullivan



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